The Missionary Herald

NEWSLETTER

UNITED CHURCH BOARD FOR WORLD MINISTRIES

Vol. VIII. No. 1 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10027 June, 1966

News From Treasury At the meeting of the Board of Directors on May 13, 1966, the treasurer reported that the total receipts for the budget in 1965 amounted to $5,589,622. Of this amount $3,830,000 was given in Basic Support from the churches. The total expenditures for budget purposes of the Board in 1965 amounted to $5,928,656.

This made a deficit of budgeted expenditures over budgeted income of $339,034. By vote the Directors had already applied $143,088 of Capital Funds toward the budgeted program so that the total of Capital Funds used for the 1965 budgeted program was $482,122.

For the first four months of 1966 the treasurer reported that receipts totalled $512,472 for budget purposes and budgeted expenditures amounted to $1,389,860. He called attention to the fact that since the 1966 budget had been approved, word had been received from the Budget Committee of the United Church of Christ that the income to the UCBWM from Basic Support in 1966 would be reduced by $125,000. The other sources of income to the budgeted work of the Board through April appear to remain fairly constant with the previous year for the same period of time.

The treasurer also reported that according to statements from the Office of the treasurer of the United Church of Christ there had been an increase in Basic Support Giving to national instrumentalities of $209,048 for the first four months of 1966. It is to be remembered that any increase in such giving in 1966 over the total received in 1965 of $10,600,000 is to go into "Breakthrough" and is to be used for Targets Ahead projects.

Field Trips Miss Margaret Blemker, secretary for the Near East, left on June 1st for the field and to attend the Biennial Meeting to be held in Istanbul in July. She is expected back in New York in early August. Most of her time will be spent at the Mission offices in Istanbul, except for a visit to Izmir, June 18th, when she will speak at the Commencement at the American Collegiate Institute.

Mr. Paul Gregory, secretary for the Pacific area, left for a field trip to Micronesia and expects to be back August 2nd.

A Palm Sunday Happening A joyous event for the whole UCBWM family was the marriage of Mark Thelin, head of the Department of Sociology at Tunghai University, Taiwan, and Virginia Hermann, assistant personnel secretary, on Palm Sunday, April 3rd, at Judson Memorial Church, a UCC-Baptist church in New York. The culmination of a chain reaction which began at the furloughed missionary conference at Ursinus last August, the merger will have the sad-happy effect of depleting our New York personnel staff and augmenting our overseas missionary staff as the Thelins return to Taiwan in July.

The wedding itself took place in a most unusual and meaningful setting. On the first Sunday of each month the members of Judson Church have been holding worship in the setting of an agape meal, with tables being set up in the sanctuary, and with the members worshiping at the tables while they are eating. After the sermon, the nine or ten members at each of the round tables have a chance to discuss the sermon among themselves, and then to join together in the Eucharist.

Virginia and Mark decided that they anted their marriage vows and pledge et in the conviviality and informality f this shared meal, and as they an- ounced in their invitation, "We have osen to be married in this service to xpress the joyous uniting of our lives thin the community of mankind and in rvice to the world." Joining with e congregation was a large group from e "16th floor of 475" and a delegation om Stony Point. Present were also rk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Thelin, o recently retired after 40 years of rvice in China and the Philippines.

The service began with everyone thering around the piano to sing mns. Then after a sung grace, "Kum yah," all joined in the meal of fruit ice, bread, cheese, hot cross buns, uit, wine, and coffee. After a per- d of group singing ("One Man's Hands," urn, Turn, Turn," and "All Over This nd"), flute and vocal solos, and the ading of I Corinthians 13, the troth s plighted. This was followed by e sermon which compared the ambiguity Palm Sunday with that of a wedding, inging together both joy and sorrow, pe and fear, birth and death, certain- and uncertainty about the future.

The congregation then joined in sing- g "Let us break bread together" and rticipated in the Eucharist, using the ead, juice, and wine left on the table om the meal. This was followed by a lk on the work of the church in Taiwan Mark and then by a time of sharing, members of the congregation and friends le announcements, toasted the newly- rried couple, and brought special wishes. e service then closed, two hours after start, with all joining in "Joyful, ful We Adore Thee."

As Howard Moody said at the close "This both a worship service and a happening, a happening that will continue through following week with the celebration Easter." All of us from the 16th floor nd the experience a very moving one -- l of joy, warmth, and close fellowship, one in which the whole UCBWM family present in spirit, if not in flesh.

Baccalaureate Speakers

The Rev. Chester L. Marcus, secretary for Africa was the speaker at the Baccalaureate ceremony at LeMoyne College, Memphis, Tenn. on Sunday, May 29th.

The Rev. Robbins Strong, general secretary for the Division of Interpretation and Personnel will deliver the sermon at the Baccalaureate Service on June 12th at Oberlin College, Ohio.

Dr. Schomer Resigns from Chicago Theological Seminary

Dr. Howard Schomer, a member of the Board of Directors of the UCBWM has resigned his post as president of Chicago Theological Seminary, effective at the close of the seminary year, June 30. In accepting Dr. Schomer's resignation "with profound regret," the board of directors expressed gratitude for the "significant progress" made by the institution during his seven and a half years of leadership. Dr. and Mrs. Schomer plan to visit their daughter, Karine, a missionary teacher in India, before undertaking a new post.

National Radio Pulpit

Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. during July, August, and September will feature Dr. George G. Parker, another Board of Directors member and minister of the Manhasset (N.Y.) Church.

SOUTHERN ASIA

Hunger in India

Hunger stalks India once more. Last year in large parts of India the monsoon rains never fell. River beds baked hard - blistered - cracked. Wells ran dry. The young rice withered. Village stores of grain dwindled. Hungry farmers and their families ate their seed rice. India faces long and disastrous hunger.

Mr. Telfer Mook, regional secretary for Southern Asia has written of the critical situation in the June 1st, 1966, issue of the United Church Herald.

A special offering for India famine relief during June and July has been authorized by the Executive Council of

Excerpts from Inaugural Speech of the Honorable Minister For Planning and Social Welfare Sri Asoka Mehta at the opening of the Food Production Consultation Meeting March 15, 1966, India International Centre, New Delhi

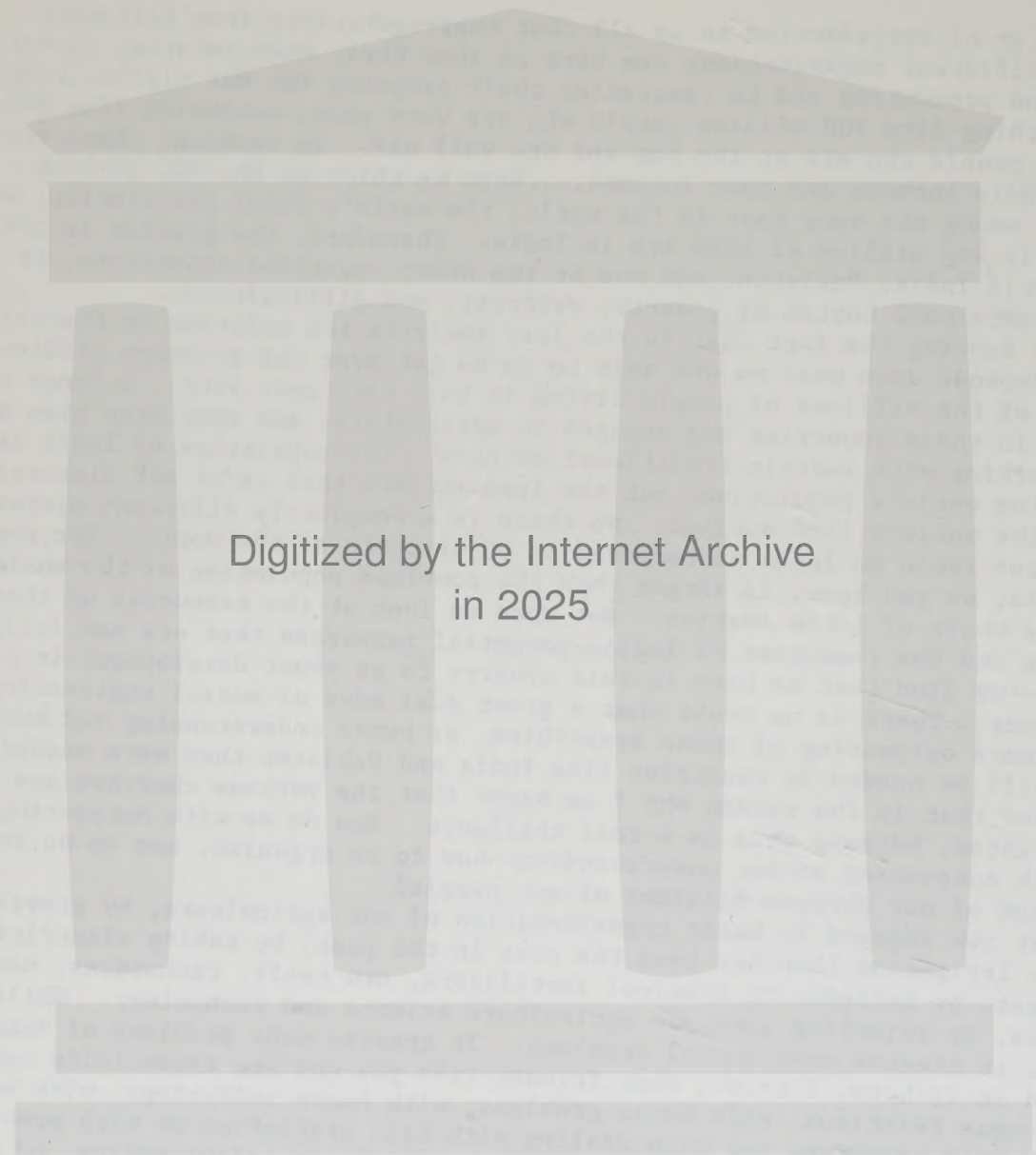
It is a matter of satisfaction to us all that representatives from different untries and different organizations are here to show their keen interest in our oblems of food production and to concretize their sympathy for our difficulties. ere are something like 900 million people who are very poor, something like 800 900 million people who are at the top and are well off. In between, there are ople with middle incomes and poor incomes....When we think of the 900 million ople who are among the very poor in the world, the world's final proletariat, we nd that nearly 500 million of them are in India. Therefore, the problem is this: at in the world India, Pakistan, and one or two other countries constitute, as it re, the ultimate rock bottom of poverty, distress, and difficulties.

There is no denying the fact that in the last analysis the solution to the welfare the world depends upon what we are able to do to get over the stubborn difficulties nd hardships of the millions of people living in this very poor land. A large majority of people in these countries are engaged in agriculture, and they have been accustomed to working with certain traditional methods. The population of India is bout 16% of the world's population, but the land surface that is at our disposal is bout 2½% of the world's land surface. So there is a completely different picture f man-resources ratio in India as compared to other parts of the world. The population of India, as you know, is larger than the combined population of the whole of frica and the whole of Latin America. But when we look at the resources of those wo continents and the resources of India--potential resources that are not fully eveloped yet--we find that we have in this country to go about development in a ifferent manner...There is no doubt that a great deal more of social engineering, great deal more outpouring of human sympathies, of human understanding and human ooperation will be needed in countries like India and Pakistan than were needed lsewhere. And that is the reason why I am happy that the various churches are getting interested, because this is a real challenge. How do we with outpouring of our love, with outpouring of our understanding--how do we organize, how do we draw into the stream of our purpose millions of our people?

We are just now engaged in basic transformation of our agriculture, by provision of a lot more irrigation than has been the case in the past, by taking electricity to our villages, by introducing chemical fertilizers, new tools, techniques, new-seeds--that is, by injecting into our agriculture science and technology. While this is necessary, it creates many social problems. It creates many problems of human adjustment; and it is here, I think, that friends like you who are essentially concerned with human relations, with human problems, with human sufferings, with human responses--who are concerned not with dealing with bald statistics or with problems just of administration or organization but problems of human relationships, of human motivations, of emotional understanding, or emotional difficulties--it is here that you have something great to contribute. This is perhaps the biggest <u>if</u> in our war against poverty; this is perhaps the most critical sector. And the best minds should be prepared to come and wrestle with this sector.

There are two ways in which you can go about it. One is: you can put in concentrated work in certain selected areas. That is what some friendly governments are also doing. We have Development Blocks here with a population of about 100,000 each. One could select some blocks and make a concentrated effort there. The other is that wherever one is living, wherever one is working, one tries and develops some cooperative effort there.

What is more important is ultimately to find out how we draw human beings into because there is no way the problems of India, Pakistan, and



Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2025

https://archive.org/details/whole-earth-newsletter_1966-06_8_1

Now how does one do it? If this could be worked out by you, I believe you'd have made a major contribution to this whole problem of transformation. What is to be done? I am sure you have among yourselves experts on irrigation, experts on electrification, experts on fertilization, experts on soil surveys, and if you have no experts you can get them with no difficulty. What we don't have in abundance in the world is experts who are able to make human beings feel that there is no need to remain despondent, ignored, forgotten, that the rest of the world realizes that their freedom is meaningful only to the extent that the hunger and the starvation of these many millions is removed. Can we communicate to them this feeling: that, in overcoming the difficulties, we have a sense of poignant urgency which is completely personal? Otherwise, the church does not introduce any new dimension. Materials do not inject any new dimension. What injects a new dimension is a sense of solidarity, as we realize that the human factor is of critical importance here.

Are we treating this problem of overcoming just by charity? Indian people are as proud as anybody else. There is a question of helping them with tools, with techniques, with possibilities whereby they may be able to produce much more. They can, we can, tripple our output today; there is no difficulty. Except, as I said there are two difficulties. One is to create among them a sense of hope, of confidence, of purpose, a feeling that the burdens of the Indians are going to be lifted. And two is to provide enough men and women of good will who feel that this is perhaps one of the most important tasks with which we must identify ourselves: reclaiming 900 million people of the world who are today in a state of abject depression. And if it is the proud claim of the Christian churches that they have the spiritual understanding, the spiritual agony, and that the spiritual outflow is going to be greater than that of other men of God; well it has got to be proved in the crucible of life itself. If it is the claim of our Christians that even to this day they feel the agony of Christ on the cross whenever humanity suffers, it has to be proved in action, not by any kind of statement.

Therefore, I feel that rather than going for scattered work, select some areas, put in your best efforts there...The experiment should not be so small that it makes no impact at all...The experiment should not be so large that it is diluted and diffused. The experiment should be significant enough to make people feel that here, by injecting the new dimension...of human solidarity, of profound human understanding, the whole process of economic and social change gets transformed.

We talk much too glibly about material input, about technical change, ignoring as it were, the human beings, leaving the human beings to the tender mercies of perhaps a few educationists here and there. Now it is precisely here that I believe you can show that love you profess. The size, the scope, the purpose, the sense of determination and dedication behind this effort have to be decided by you. Once that is decided, magnet-wise you are able to attract other things, because the material and other resources are like iron fillings: they come whenever the magnet is there. But you are meeting here because you feel that if, in the world today, there are a half dozen problems, this is one of them. And how do we solve it--solve it in a way that is different from what the governments have been doing? It was because of this feeling that I came to you this morning, and I have shared with you my ideas, very freely. I have not come to you today as a representative of the Government. I have come to you as a person who all his life has been devoted to this problem of social work, of social change, whose heart continues to bleed for the millions of poor everywhere, but more so in my country, not just because it is my country but because this is the land of the ultimate proletariat in the world.

If this ultimate proletariat is not rehabilitated, then there must be an explosion. Because the proletariat will not agree to remain sub-merged, suffocated, subjugated. If this is to be denied, if this explosion is to be avoided, I think then the best among us must be prepared to stoop to conquer and kneel to raise. It is a whole process of stooping to conquer the hearts and minds in the country, then kneeling to raise them. This is what I believe the best among the Christians have to do. If the spirit of Christ is to find any embodiment in our work today, that embodiment has to be found in a work of this kind, I hope and trust that you who have come from many lands have come because you feel here is a problem worthy of the highest and the best in you.

(Continued from Page 2)

Mr. Mook has recently received a letter from Mr. Budh Singh, leader of agricultural work in Central India where the UCBWM has worked for a hundred years. Mr. Singh wrote as follows:

"I want to list some of my experiences which I have had in Kalahandi District with regard to the famine relief program I am running here. My heart is heavy, my soul is in distress and if I tell you about it I think that I will feel some comfort.

"On April 17th while I was distributing Church World Service wheat in Rajna village there came a man of about forty years of age with his wife and child of about six years. All three of them were skeletons; I could not see any flesh on them; the boy was half dead and the parents had no energy to walk. They fell down at my feet and begged for food. I took the child from its mother to see what was wrong and found that the child could not move its head by itself. I was terribly frightened; the child seemed to die in my hands. The parents told me that they had not eaten for 15 days. They had been living on some roots which the mother gathered from the forest trees. I once took them in my jeep to the place where I was camping and gave them enough wheat for one month and some Multi Purpose food for the child. After a fortnight I went back to that village and found the child living and getting healthier and the parents are coming to work on the village relief project to earn some more food.

"On the 2nd of May I went to see the feeding program supplied by the Catholics and run by the Bharat Sewa Samaj in Nariar. They are feeding about seven hundred people. I was sitting and watching them eat. A young man of about 25 years came who was looking like a wooden pole. He sat down in the shade. Some of the volunteers asked him where he was coming from but he could not talk. They gave him water to drink and some food to eat. As he finished drinking the water he vomited blood and collapsed. They were making arrangements to remove him to the hospital but he was dead.

"On April 30th I was coming home from Kuthoria village. On the way there is a river that is bone dry but at one spot water was collected in a hole in the sand. Animals had come to drink from this water and there was cow dung all around the place. I saw two women collecting this dung in their baskets and then washing it in the water. Remaining in the baskets after washing the dung out was some accasia Arabica seeds which the animals had eaten while they were in the pods from the jungle. The seeds had remained undigested and the women said they were going to roast them and eat them.

"Today I read a message President Johnson gave to the Congress with a heading 'Find Food We Must.' He said, 'This in our day and age must not happen.' But this has happened now and could not be avoided, we simply can't save them from dying any more. It looks impossible to me to save everybody and it could only be done if the food drops from heaven like rain all over the place, because we cannot reach the places where these people are living. In our program we are feeding eleven thousand people, more than I can handle but it is like a drop in the ocean.

"The people have sold every belonging to purchase rice and now they have nothing left to invest in the next crop. No seed, no ploughs, no money, no bullocks. Another problem is how are we going to avoid the famine for these people next year.

"I am just lost and know not what to do nor where to start. I wish I had all the resources of the earth with me. I would have made an aquaduct from the Himalayas to bring water to irrigate the land in this area. After all, when a man can reach the moon, it should not be impossible for me to make a water channel like this on earth.

Yours sincerely,
Budh Singh"

Burma Orders All Foreign Missionaries to Leave Country

Under an edict issued recently by the government of General Ne Win of Burma, 58 American Protestant and Roman Catholic missionaries must leave the country. This will affect 23 American Baptists, 23 Roman Catholics, seven Seventh Day Adventists and five Methodists, said the report by the Rev. Addison J. Eastman. Director of Mission of the Asia Department of the

National Council of Churches, he returned recently from an extended survey of conditions in the Far East. The Department is a unit of the Division of Overseas Ministries.

For those holding temporary permits, the deadline is April 30, he said, while those with permanent permits must leave by May 31. Mr. Eastman served in Burma for 12 years as chaplain at the University of Rangoon and director of a Christian youth center.

"The departure of these American missionaries from Burma marks the end of an era," said Mr. Eastman, "but not the end of Christian work in the country." He reported that there is a strong Christian church now in Burma with some 600,000 members. "This church has itself become a missionary community," he said, "and has developed a strong indigenous leadership." Mr. Eastman added that the military government of General Ne Win has given assurances that Christians and others will be free to practice and teach their religion.

The Rev. Adoniram Judson and his wife Ann, the first American missionaries, arrived in Burma more than 150 years ago. Since then, missionaries have founded many schools, hospitals and social service institutions, almost all of which have been nationalized in past months.

A F R I C A

Each One, Teach One — The following is an excerpt from a letter from Dr. Kirk Stetson of Mt. Silinda,Rhodesia: "Sometime last year I received a letter from Dr. Frank Laubach of 'each one teach one' fame which started out 'Dear Brother Stetson.' He had seen our name and address on the bulletin of a church which helps to support us and he wrote a friendly letter asking if there was any way in which he could be of assistance to us in our hospital work. The upshot of it was that Miss Alice Sanderson (the representative of the Laubach literacy work in this country) came down during the Christmas vacation with her two African associates to put on a training course for 13 volunteers from our teaching training school. These teachers-in-training gave up one week of their vacation to learn methods for teaching adult literacy. A special primer was made up in Chindau by Miss Sanderson and her coworkers and we now have a group of over 20 adults in our T.B. Sanatorium who are learning to read. At first it was hard to get adults in the Sanatorium to agree to take the course because they felt they couldn't possibly learn to read and write. After considerable encouragement and persuasion we were pleased that 20 agreed to try it. It is too early to tell the final outcome, but one thing is sure -- both students and teachers are enjoying the work so much that it is difficult to tell which are the happiest!"

Dentist has Texas-size Practice — Dr. Dale Brainard, a young UCC dentist from Cleveland, Ohio, is currently the only practicing dentist in the 275,000 square miles of Bechuanaland, South Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Brainard volunteered two months of service under the UCBWM in Rhodesia, but were refused visas to that country. They were reassigned to Livingstone Hospital of the London Missionary Society where they have a potential patient load of 548,000, the entire population of Bechuanaland.

History of Inanda Seminary — Miss Agnes A. Wood who is now living at the Mayflower Home in Grinnell, Iowa, is writing a history of Inanda Seminary as her retirement project. In May, during the latest of her periodic trips East to do research on Inanda in the archives of the Board, Miss Wood stated that she hopes to have her history finished by 1969, in time for the 100th anniversary of the founding of Inanda.

NEAR EAST

Congratulations to Mary Ingle! — Congratulations to Mary Ingle! We are happy with Miss Mary Ingle, now a member of the Iraq Fellowship, for the honor bestowed on her by the Greek government. There is not a Greek Embassy in Baghdad and the American Embassy handles matters for Greece there. Recently she was called to the

American Embassy and was handed a letter transmitting the insignia of the Silver Cross of the Royal Order of Welfare, to Miss Mary Ingle, Head Mistress of the Baghdad High School for Girls, Mansour, Baghdad, Iraq. The above award has been bestowed by H.M. the King of the Hellenes on Miss Ingle, upon recommendation of Mr. Papalazarou, Minister of Northern Greece, in recognition and appreciation of her valuable services at Anatolia College for twenty years, during which she won the esteem and love of the people of Thessaloniki."

News from Turkey

The bookmobile is an organization of boys in the Talas American School for Boys which takes books to surrounding villages and distributes them in grades two through five. Most villages are extremely poor. Therefore, even though they have a school with one or two teachers, only very few paper books are available to the students for their studies. The bookmobile has many books which are divided into age levels. Eleven villages are on the circuit and each village is visited about once a month. Often in the winter, the Land Rover is the only visitation the village has. The boys in the club meet one or two afternoons a week to sort and repair books. On Saturday mornings and afternoons the villages are visited, books are distributed and often films are shown. The bookmobile is considered to be one of the most worthwhile activities in the school, since it not only serves a real need but gives the boys who for the most part are from cities, a chance to see what village life is really like.

Excerpt from a letter from the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Tucker, Turkey

Reprint of Dr. Birge's Book

Friends of the Near East will be happy to learn that Dr. John Kingsley Birge's book on THE BEKTASHI ORDER OF DERVISHES has been republished by Luzac and Company in London. This was printed first in 1937 and is considered an authority on the description of this Turkish order.

PACIFIC AREA

Ministry to U.S. Service Personnel

In the city of Yokohama, Japan, the Christian Servicemen's Guides meet ships carrying servicemen who land at the North Pier to give them a few hours of liberty before proceeding to other Far East ports. Directing this work is Miss Miyo Sugiyama, secretary to the chaplain at the Yokohama Chapel Center, who is assisted by three students from nearby universities. These Christians are ready to aid the servicemen as they debark by providing information about the surrounding areas, answering questions about Japan, helping the servicemen to contact friends or missionaries or the Japanese churches, and generally helping the young men to overcome their apprehension when landing in a strange country.

In this way the Yokohama Servicemen's Guides met 27 ships in six months with about 14,300 servicemen going ashore in Yokohama. The services at the North Pier are conducted from a small, portable booth, which the staff sets up when a ship arrives at an appointed place, and is open for business.

The Kyodan Missionaries

The United Church of Christ in Japan (The Kyodan) now has 27 missionaries serving on four continents. The 190,000-member Kyodan has sent commissioned workers to Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, Hawaii, Canada, Thailand, India, Egypt, and Okinawa.

Leadership Training Pays Off in Philippines Program

In 1961 Cirilo del Carmen, Jr., a pastor in the Philippines, was one of the young men and women who received scholorship aid under the UCBWM National Leadership Training Program. In three years of study in the States he received his M.A. from Andover Newton and accreditation as a Chaplain-Trainer from Worcester, Mass. Institute of Pastoral Care.

He also met a young Episcopal priest with the same training and certification who had been assigned to the Philippines. Together they planned to set up a joint pastoral training program in the country. Now in Manila they have established the Philippine Association for Clinical Pas-

toral Care and started operations with a five-day seminar for hospital chaplains and local pastors. A two-month training program for students at St. Luke's Hospital and one-year course for pastors are scheduled.

Publication of "Theology of the Pain of God" in English

For some time those most concerned with Japan's role in the ecumenical conversations of our day have regretted that there has been so little participation on the part of Japanese theologians. They have absorbed western thought but their own output has been in Japanese, unavailable to most of the rest of the world church. Now finally a major work of what has been called original Japanese theology has been published in English translation. The book is "Theology of the Pain of God," first published in Japanese in 1947. The author is Kazoh Kitamori, professor at Tokyo Union Theological Seminary, United Church of Christ in Japan. Published by John Knox Press, the book sells for $4.50.

Missionary Helps Crown Micronesian "King"

The Rev. Harold F. Hanlin played a role in the recent crowning of The Nanmwarki of Metalanim, highest ranking personage of Ponape in Micronesia. The coronation of "King" Samuel Hadley took place at Ponape Church immediately following the funeral of the late Nanmwarki, Moses Hadley, his older brother, who died at the age of 70 after a reign of 34 years.

Ponape Island is divided into five districts, each of which has a king whose Ponapean title is Nanmwarki. There is a "talking chief" in each district whose title is Nanakin. Both of these are paramount chiefs heading a line of Ponapean noblemen--there are twelve royal titles in each line. This is the traditional framework of Ponapean society and culture. The people who hold these titles are very proud of their prestige and are usually alert to take advantage of every opportunity to increase that prestige and thereby improve their position by gaining a higher title when any change is made. A general redistribution of these titles takes place whenever a Nanmwarki or a Nanekin dies.

The traditional "funeral" of a Nanmwarki and the "coronation" of his successor have always been conducted in strict secrecy.

But when Nanmwarki Moses Hadley died last month, his family asked that he be given a Christian burial. Hence his body was taken to the church nearby where his relatives and others could come and pay their last respects. So for the first time in all the history of Ponape a Nanmwarki was given a Christian funeral conducted by the ordained ministers of the Church of Ponape.

After the crown of coral and the boar's teeth was placed on the new Nanmwarki's head, Dr. Hanlin and a Roman Catholic priest consecrated him with prayers and benedictions. Dr. Hanlin, field representative and treasurer of the UCBWM Micronesian Mission, first went to the Caroline Islands in 1947.

The Downses Move to New Home

All at "475" will miss Dr. and Mrs. Darley Downs who left in May for their new home in Waverly, Ohio. May God's richest blessings go with this dedicated Christian couple, missionaries in Japan for 45 and 42 years respectively.

One of God's Chosen

A Japanese housewife, Mrs. Ayako Miura, has won a national literacy contest with a novel on original sin. In accepting the 10-million yen prize Mrs. Miura apologized for her novel, called The Freezing Point, because "I couldn't express well enough what 'Original sin' is----I meant to present the people of sin who cannot face God." Mrs. Miura is a member of the United Church of Christ in Japan.

400 Kyodan-Related Missionaries Adopt Statement on Vietnam

Four hundred missionaries of American and Canadian origin have called for more active missionary participation with churchmen in the search for peace in Vietnam and

for stepped-up Christian activity in relief of refugees. The missionaries--all related to the United Church of Christ in Japan and to the member-denominations of the NCCC-USA--issued the call from their annual conference at Atami, near Tokyo, on March 31.

Kyodan Missionary Activity At New High — The United Church of Christ in Japan (The Kyodan) now has 27 missionaries serving on four continents, according to a March 20 statement, by Dr. Isamu Omura, The Moderator. The 190,000-member Kyodan has sent comissioned workers to Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Hawaii, Thailand, India, Egypt and Okinawa.

Commenting upon the figures, Dr. Omura noted that the Kyodan's amazing total of 1,900 ordained ministers, one clergyman for every 100 members, enabled the church to respond to mission opportunities despite its limited membership.

Medical Aid — The Japan Christian Medical Association has become comparatively well-known abroad for its medical aid to Nepal, Taiwan, and Indonesia, and through the individual and combined efforts of its members is also becoming an increasingly influential factor in the improvement of medical education and treatment in Japan.

Contributing to the development of its work and image in Japan, as well as serving as liaison organ for its membership, is the Association's monthly, Japanese publication IGAKU TO FUKUIN (Medicine and the Gospel), first published in 1945.

The December, 1965, issue was dedicated as a memorial to Dr. Schweitzer, with whom the JCMA has direct relations and whose spirit of service the JCMA attempts to practice. The publication included such articles as "The Faith of Dr. Schweitzer;" "Reverence for Life;" "Learning From His Work;" and recollections of visits with Dr. Schweitzer by members of the JCMA.

The January, 1966 issue contained general introductions to 39 members of the Association, their philosophy of Christian medical work, their hopes and plans for future service, their favorite scripture verses, and other interesting information.

Rest and Recreation — Navy men on shore leave in Hong Kong after hazardous duty at sea have found a new kind of "rest and recreation," writes Rev. Sterling H. Whitener, UCBWM representative with the Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China. A crew of 25 from the USS Vesole under UCC chaplain H.M. Goetz of Destroyer Division 242 descended on the Haven of Hope Sanatorium, where nearly 300 patients are undergoing a rest and chemical cure for tuberculosis, and spent one day of their three-day leave repairing a salt water flushing system and intercommunication system, putting up a swing and playing with some of the small patients. Mr. Donald R. Bergmann, business manager of the TB hospital, and a UCBWM missionary reported he needed two days rest after a day of "recreation" with the young American seamen.

Kyodan General Secretary Saeki — The General Secretary of the United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan), Rev. K. Saeki with Mrs. Saeki were in the UCBWM offices on May 16 as a part of a round-the-world trip. Mr. Saeki is one of the few ministers in Japan who has graduated from the outstanding university of Asia, Tokyo Daigaku. He had five years of successful experience as a banker when under a compelling sense of call he resigned and took the full theological course in the Tokyo Shingakusha, now a part of the Union Seminary. After a pastorate of several years in Niigata he founded the Shinagawa Church in Tokyo. His son, Yoichi graduated from McCormick Seminary where the famous Dr. Wright now of Harvard, rated him as among the ablest of all the students ever in his Old Testament courses.

The son returned to Tokyo to share his father's pastorate, foregoing a chance for Ph.D. work in Semitics. Father and son some ten years ago decided the greatest current need of their church was an enriched worship service. A large and representative committee was appointed

and after prolonged study decided to make the Holy Communion the central feature of each Sunday morning service.

The rituals of the world were studied and a composit and original form was neatly mimeographed. The congregation gathers in silent prayer. Exactly at eleven o'clock surpliced elders bear in black lacquer trays with precisely arranged cubes of bread and communion cups. Their bearing is distinctly reminiscent of the NOH players, or celebrants of Japanese ceremonial tea. Ministers and congregation read the ritual with immense dignity. Visitors from all over the world have found this service one of the most impressive and moving experiences of their lives.

First Assembly of Pacific Conference of Churches The first assembly of the Pacific Conference of Churches was held on the island of Lifou in the Loyalty Islands in May. Micronesia was represented by the Rev. and Mrs. Jude Samson, pastor of the Ebeye Protestant Church, and the Rev. and Mrs. Elden Buck, UCBWM missionaries on Ebeye. Mr. John Hadley, a lay minister in the Church on Ponape and Dr. Harold Hanlin of Ponape, superintendent of the Micronesian Mission of the UCBWM also attended.

Worship and Bible study was led each day by the Rev. D. T. Niles, General Secretary of the East Asia Christian Conference.

The Loyalty Islands are a chain of islands which lie parallel to New Caledonia and about 70 miles northeast of it. Lifou is the largest island in the group.

News from International University One hundred and ninety students received degrees in the tenth annual Commencement exercises at International Christian University on Saturday, March 26. Bachelor's degrees were awarded to 161 students--34 with majors in the Humanities, 88 with Social Science majors, 22 in Natural Sciences, 13 in Languages, and 4 in Education and 29 students received Master's degrees--23 in Education and 6 in Public Administration. Among the graduates were three Americans, one Chinese, one Korean, and one Thai. Valedictory addresses were delivered by Miss Masako Okami, a Japanese speaking in English, and Miss Naomi Izumo, an American speaking in Japanese.

The Missionary Herald
NEWSLETTER
Published by the Department of Interpretation for communication of news within the family of the UCBWM. All correspondence should be addressed to Mrs. Ethel Case, Department of Interpretation, United Church Board for World Ministries, 16th floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10027.

WM-IP-666-1600

C H R O N I C L E

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Harper, Jr., of Salisbury, Rhodesia, a son, Mark, on February 25, 1966 in Salisbury.

The Rev. and Mrs. Frank A. Stone of Tarsus, Turkey, welcomed into their home a daughter, Beth Alev, born on April 4, 1966.

To the Rev. and Mrs. Gustav H. Kuether of the Honduras Mission, a daughter, Lynda Marie, on March 18, 1966 at San Pedro Sula.

To Mr. and Mrs. Johannes E. H. Meyer of Tarsus, Turkey, a son, Armin Dietrich, on April 12, 1966 at the Azariah Smith Memorial Hospital in Gaziantep.

To Mr. and Mrs. D. Douglas Schneider of Bhawanipatna, India, now on furlough, a daughter, Kathleen Marie, on May 2, 1966 in Fremont, Michigan.

Warm congratulations on your marriage!

The Rev. Paul Val Griesy of Okayama City, Japan, and Miss Hisayo Amano, on March 21, 1966 at Kobe Union Church in Kobe.

Mr. Terry E. MacDougall of Kyoto, Japan, and Miss Yasuko Mashita, on March 21, 1966 at the Kokubunji Church in Tokyo.

Miss Diemut Louise Heller of the Honduras Mission and Sr. Jacobo Paredes M., on April 16, 1966 in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. They are making their home in Concepcion del Norte.

Miss Susan Margaret Towle and Dr. Norman Milton Weber of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Hospital in Worawora, Ghana, on April 30, 1966 at the First Presbyterian Church of Ardmore, Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

ARRIVALS FROM THE FIELD

ANGOLA

Mrs. Carl R. Dille of the Emanuel Theological Seminary staff in Dondi, for furlough in June. With the very small number of UCBWM missionaries now in Angola, Dr. Dille is remaining on the field for an indefinite period.

CEYLON

Mr. and Mrs. Coenraad B. Bavinck of Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai, in April, for furlough in the Netherlands with their three children. Mr. Bavinck is participating in the summer camp program in the United States during June and July.

GHANA

Miss Mary R. Dewar, M.N. (of the Rhodesia Mission), in April, following a period of mid-furlough service at the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Hospital in Worawora.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Eugene E. Grau of Trinity College, Legon, in April, for a short furlough with their youngest son William. They will return to Ghana in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack S. Lesshafft, Sr., in April, for furlough with their two children. Mr. Lesshafft was administrator of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Hospital in Worawora.

Susan M. Towle, R.N., and Norman M. Weber, M.D., of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church Hospital in Worawora, on April 15, preparatory to their marriage on April 30 in Ardmore, Pennsylvania (see above). Dr. and Mrs. Weber returned to Worawora on June 1.

ARRIVALS FROM THE FIELD (Cont'd)

GREECE

Dr. (Ed.D.) and Mrs. Harold C. Harlow, Jr., and their daughter Barbara, at the conclusion of their year of Special Service in Athens, teaching and holding seminars for the faculty at Pierce College, and assisting with the CCSC and ecumenical service programs in Greece.

INDIA

The Rev. and Mrs. William T. Baur of Raipur, in June, for furlough with a view to retirement after forty fruitful years in varied services in Central India. The Baurs were engaged in evangelism, touring, work in the local churches, in elementary schools, in the supervision of district churches, in many administrative posts in the Mission, and for sixteen years they were in charge of the Chandkhuri Leprosy Hospital and Homes in Baitalpur. For the graphic story of their WELCOME HOME, send for the New York Times for June 16, 1966!

Miss Miriam E. Rogers of the Marathi Mission, principal of the Woronoco School in Sholapur and until recently secretary of the Mission, for furlough in June.

Miss Hedwig B. Schaeffer of Raipur, in June, for furlough with a view to retirement after forty-one years of significant service in Central India as an educator, administrator, and supervisor of schools in and around Raipur.

Mr. D. Douglas Schneider of Bhawanipatna, manager of the Rural Life Program in the Orissa area, in April, to join his family on furlough. Mrs. Schneider and the children arrived last December.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Ross Thomas of Bombay, missionaries-at-large in India and Ceylon, for a seven-month furlough in June. As the UCBWM representative in this area, Mr. Thomas serves as a liaison between the Board and field officials.

Mrs. Frank Tishkins of the Marathi Mission, in May, for furlough, on the completion of eleven years as manager, treasurer and adviser to the Sisal Fibre Industry in Ahmednagar, an industry which has meant livelihood for the many women and girls of this area.

JAPAN

The Rev. Paul Val Griesy of Okayama City and his bride, Hisayo Amano Griesy, for furlough in mid-April (see page 11). Mr. Griesy is engaged in youth work and teaching.

Mrs. William P. Woodard, coordinator of the Public Relations Bureau of the Interboard Committee and of the United Church of Christ in Tokyo, for pre-retirement furlough in June. A missionary of the UCBWM since her marriage in 1958, Margaret Woodard served in Japan for twenty-two years under the American Baptist Board. Dr. Woodard, director of research of the International Institute for the Study of Religions in Japan, will join her in July on the completion of forty years in the service of the Board.

MICRONESIA

Mr. and Mrs. Tedford P. Lewis, mission associates in Micronesia, in May with their three children, on the completion last January of Mr. Lewis' service as construction superintendent of the Mizpah High School on Moen, Truk, in the Caroline Islands.

PHILIPPINES

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. James F. McKinley of Manila, and of the Department of Christian Education of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, for a six-month furlough in June.

The Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd G. Van Vactor of the Christian Center in Cagayan de Oro City, and engaged in the leadership training program of the Central Mindanao Conference, for furlough in June with their two sons.

ARRIVALS FROM THE FIELD (Cont'd)

GREECE

Dr. (Ed.D.) and Mrs. Harold C. Harlow, Jr., and their daughter Barbara, at the conclusion of their year of Special Service in Athens, teaching and holding seminars for the faculty at Pierce College, and assisting with the CCSC and ecumenical service programs in Greece.

INDIA

The Rev. and Mrs. William T. Baur of Raipur, in June, for furlough with a view to retirement after forty fruitful years in varied services in Central India. The Baurs were engaged in evangelism, touring, work in the local churches, in elementary schools, in the supervision of district churches, in many administrative posts in the Mission, and for sixteen years they were in charge of the Chandkhuri Leprosy Hospital and Homes in Baitalpur. For the graphic story of their WELCOME HOME, send for the New York Times for June 16, 1966!

Miss Miriam E. Rogers of the Marathi Mission, principal of the Woronoco School in Sholapur and until recently secretary of the Mission, for furlough in June.

Miss Hedwig B. Schaeffer of Raipur, in June, for furlough with a view to retirement after forty-one years of significant service in Central India as an educator, administrator, and supervisor of schools in and around Raipur.

Mr. D. Douglas Schneider of Bhawanipatna, manager of the Rural Life Program in the Orissa area, in April, to join his family on furlough. Mrs. Schneider and the children arrived last December.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Ross Thomas of Bombay, missionaries-at-large in India and Ceylon, for a seven-month furlough in June. As the UCBWM representative in this area, Mr. Thomas serves as a liaison between the Board and field officials.

Mrs. Frank Tishkins of the Marathi Mission, in May, for furlough, on the completion of eleven years as manager, treasurer and adviser to the Sisal Fibre Industry in Ahmednagar, an industry which has meant livelihood for the many women and girls of this area.

JAPAN

The Rev. Paul Val Griesy of Okayama City and his bride, Hisayo Amano Griesy, for furlough in mid-April (see page 11). Mr. Griesy is engaged in youth work and teaching.

Mrs. William P. Woodard, coordinator of the Public Relations Bureau of the Interboard Committee and of the United Church of Christ in Tokyo, for pre-retirement furlough in June. A missionary of the UCBWM since her marriage in 1958, Margaret Woodard served in Japan for twenty-two years under the American Baptist Board. Dr. Woodard, director of research of the International Institute for the Study of Religions in Japan, will join her in July on the completion of forty years in the service of the Board.

MICRONESIA

Mr. and Mrs. Tedford P. Lewis, mission associates in Micronesia, in May with their three children, on the completion last January of Mr. Lewis' service as construction superintendent of the Mizpah High School on Moen, Truk, in the Caroline Islands.

PHILIPPINES

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. James F. McKinley of Manila, and of the Department of Christian Education of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, for a six-month furlough in June.

The Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd G. Van Vactor of the Christian Center in Cagayan de Oro City, and engaged in the leadership training program of the Central Mindanao Conference, for furlough in June with their two sons.

DEPARTURES FOR THE FIELD (Cont'd)

PHILIPPINES

The Rev. Paul T. Lauby, Ph.D., of Silliman University, in May, Mrs. Lauby and their three children in June, returning from furlough to Dumaguete City, where Dr. Lauby assumed his new duties as vice president for academic affairs at Silliman.

Miss Emma B. Noreen, R.N., nursing consultant at the Brokenshire Memorial Hospital and its School of Nursing in Davao City, in April, returning from a short furlough.

SOUTH AFRICA

Dr. Alan B. Taylor, medical superintendent of the McCord Zulu Hospital in Durban for forty-four years, and Mrs. Taylor, emeritus missionaries of the UCBWM, in May, to make their home in or near Durban.

TURKEY

Dr. and Mrs. Warren H. Winkler, medical missionaries of the UCBWM in Talas from 1958-1965, in June, with their two children. They are now recognized as being on Special Service while Dr. Winkler directs a rural health project in Ankara for the next two years sponsored jointly by the Division of International Health of Johns Hopkins University and the Turkish Ministry of Health.

DEPARTURE OF NEW APPOINTEES

INDIA

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon S. Cummings of New York City, in May, for Regular Term service in India, Mr. Cummings as a physical therapist at the Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore.

JAPAN

Miss Grace M. Robertson of Washington, D.C., in June, for Short Term service in the field of kindergarten teacher training at the Hokuriku Gakuin in Kanazawa. During her earlier service in Japan 1950-1959, Miss Robertson was on the Hokuriku staff for two years.

IN MEMORIAM
Former and Retired Missionaries

WILLIS HEGLER WILLIS, M.D. (1901-1965), of Mashaba, Rhodesia, a former medical missionary of the Board with Mrs. Willis in the Rhodesia Mission for ten years (1930-1940), and a resident of Rhodesia since 1959, died on December 26, 1965* at Bulawayo at the age of 64. In the United States they were residents of Painesville, Ohio.

During his ten-year service Dr. Willis made a notable contribution to the development and outreach of the Mt. Silinda Hospital. Due to the needs of a growing family of five children and the threat of World War II, they withdrew as missionaries and settled in Painesville, Ohio, where Dr. Willis took up private practice. He interrupted his practice for two years to serve in the U.S. Army Medical Corps as a lieutenant colonel. In 1953 he became Lake County's first full-time Health Commissioner, although he had been carrying its responsibilities on a part-time basis for two years. He resigned as Health Commissioner in 1959 and returned to Rhodesia with Mrs. Willis in a private capacity. Experienced in the treatment of tropical diseases, Dr. Willis took a post with the Ministry of Health as a government medical officer at the hospital at Binga, near the Kariba Dam, among people displaced by the construction of the Dam. He filled a less demanding post briefly before his early retirement for health

IN MEMORIAM (Cont'd)

Dr. Donaldson of our Chikore Hospital wrote that even after his long absence from the mission area, Dr. Willis is remembered with affection and esteem by Africans and Europeans alike for his goodnatured readiness to help and heal "any one, any time, anywhere."

THE REVEREND ROBERT WINTHROP FAIRBANK (1896-1966) of Claremont, California, son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Edward Fairbank of the Marathi Mission in Western India and the fourth generation of his family to serve under the Board in that Mission, died on March 29, 1966 at the McCabe Rest Home in Claremont at the age of 69. Born in Sholapur, India, and at home in the language, his service as a "native" son had a special significance and added nearly forty more years (1920-23, 1926-62) to the distinguished record of the Fairbank family.

Upon graduation from Amherst in 1920, Robert Fairbank gave short-term service in India in charge of the Boys' Middle School in Vadala and as acting principal of the Boys' High School in Ahmednagar. After completing his theological training at Hartford Seminary he returned to India in 1926 for career service, taking along with him a major asset, Marie Lively Fairbank, a fellow student he met and married in Hartford in 1925, and who worked creatively at his side throughout their service.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairbank were assigned to the large rural area of Vadala, a mission station started in 1857 by his grandfather, and where his parents gave life-long service as rural pioneers. As district supervisor, Mr. Fairbank had major responsibility for the many mission schools in the area, but his keen interest in poultry and agriculture and his desire to improve the economic level of village communities led him into a new direction in service. He took a special poultry course in India under Dr. D. Spencer Hatch of the YMCA, and a year in agricultural studies later at Rutgers, to help him in efforts to improve the poultry stock of the farmers and to develop a genetically pure, healthy breed of white leghorns. Noting his efforts, the Indian government gave him a three-year grant for experimentation as well as the assistance of a live stock expert. In time the successful efforts led to the inauguration of an egg marketing center which carried on brisk trade between the cities and villages.

In the large industrial city of Sholapur for the second half of their service, the Fairbanks lived in the very house where he was born. Here his emphasis was on evangelism, counseling and visitation, and vocational training. He was the founder and manager of the Trade Apprentice Hostel,a residence for boys training for various industries. For short periods he also served as mission secretary and as associate treasurer in charge of properties, where his "built-in" knowledge was a real asset. Wherever he went, whatever he did, he carried love in his heart for the people among whom he was born and whom he served with such dedication and ability.

> "His hands and heart undergirded his beloved friends in India. His touch upon their soil shared a Christ-like concern for their physical hunger, and his hand was on the plow so new life and sustenance could be shared. He reached out to touch, teach, and bless others through an open spirit that revealed a warm heart and a penetrating sense of humor. We thank Thee for this Fairbank clan which through all the years in India has shared the spirit of Christ fully and freely. As they have been blessed by Thee so have they blessed others."
>
> (Part of the prayer by the Rev. Edward W. Meury at his memorial service in Claremont.)

MRS. HENRY A. DEWALD (GERTRUDE E. RIECKE), R.N. (1891-1966), of Decatur, Georgia, a former missionary of the Board in Honduras for seven years (1922-1929), died on April 27, 1966 in an Atlanta hospital following a heart attack. She was 74 years of age.

Her husband, the Reverend Henry Dewald, was the first missionary sent to Honduras in 1920 by the Board of Missions of the Evangelical Synod of North America to open up new work there. Prior to that he had served for ten years on the Gold Coast (now Ghana) under the Basel Mission. In 1922 Gertrude Riecke of St. Louis joined the Honduras Mission for nursing services. She was a graduate of the Moody Bible Institute and of the Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis. They were married in San Pedro Sula in 1923, and as a team each reinforced the other as they pioneered in a new field. Three sons were born to them, the first two in Honduras. Many obstacles had to be overcome and adjustments made during their service, but they gave generously of themselves and never wavered in their enthusiasm.

For health reasons the Dewalds withdrew from missionary service and settled in Atlanta, Georgia, where from 1930 until his retirement in 1945 Mr. Dewald served as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church. The service for Mrs. Dewald was held at St. John's on April 30th.

THE REV. JAMES ALBERT HUNTER (1890-1966) of Auburndale, Massachusetts, a widely known missionary of the Board in rural education and evangelism in North China with Mrs. Hunter for thirty-one years (1919-1950), died on May 19, 1966 at the Newton Wellesley Hospital in Newton Lower Falls at the age of 76. Including his services under government and other agencies, Mr. Hunter dedicated forty-four years of his life and specialized abilities to rehabilitation and relief work on the mainland of China and in Taiwan.

A son of Illinois, his training at Bradley Polytechnic Institute, at the University of Illinois in scientific farming, and his later post graduate study in agriculture at Cornell University equipped him particularly well for China's needs of his day. Mr. Hunter's first contact with China, however, came under the YMCA as a teacher in a government school in Peking 1914-16. Following his graduation from McCormick Theological Seminary in 1919, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter joined the North China Mission and were assigned to Tunghsien, near Peking. Here, until the outbreak of World War II, Mr. Hunter gave creative direction to the organization and development of the North China Rural Service Union, an interdenominational venture for the training of rural leaders and the upbuilding of the rural church.

During World War II Mr. Hunter worked his way into West China for relief administration and other special responsibilities in connection with "refugeeing" institutions in Chengtu and Sian. At the close of the war he was drawn into several strategic services by U.S. government agencies aiding China. On loan to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration for two years, he was in agricultural rehabilitation work in the Peking-Tientsin area, serving here with the U.S. Relief Mission to China also. For the next nine years he was with the Joint Commission on Rural Reconstruction of the U.S. Economic Cooperation Administration, working briefly on the mainland (Peking, Nanking, Canton, Chengtu) and, after the communist take-over, in Taipei, Taiwan, for eight years as chief of the Animal Husbandry Division. The Commission's program in Taiwan has repeatedly been referred to as the most successful part of United States' efforts to assist the Republic of China. For a time Mr. Hunter was secretary of the Coordinating Council of Voluntary Agencies and treasurer of the Church World Service Committee in Taiwan.

Early in 1958, while in the States for rest and family visitation, the United Board for Christian Colleges in Asia persuaded the Hunters to return to Taiwan to serve on the faculty of Tunghai University in Taichung, Mr. Hunter as a consultant in the field of land use and the rural outreach of the University, Mrs. Hunter as a teacher of English. Here, too, they made a significant contribution to the life of the university out of their rich background and experience (1958-61).

IN MEMORIAM (Cont'd)

In 1958, at the direction of President Chiang Kai-shek, Mr. Hunter was decorated with the Order of the Brilliant Star in recognition of more than forty years of service in the promotion of rural education and agricultural extension work in China. Our "decoration" for him would read -- to a noble man of vision and action in time of peace, and in the chaos of war and post-war years, who helped to teach, feed, and to rehabilitate lives and lands with steady courage, versatility and dedication.

MISS ADELAIDE SUSAN DWIGHT (1878-1966) of Claremont, California, a third generation missionary of the Board in the Near East for forty years (Turkey 1902-1916, 1924-1950), died at the McCabe Rest Home in Claremont on June 15, 1966 in her 88th year. Miss Dwight gave five years of service under the Near East Relief also following World War I (1919-1924), helping in relief, rehabilitation, and in bringing together members of separated families.

Born in Istanbul, Turkey, Adelaide Dwight attended the girls' mission school in Üsküdar, the Montpelier high school in Vermont, Smith College (1900), and Columbia University. Following two years of teaching at the Morrisville high school in Vermont, Miss Dwight went to Turkey in 1902 under the Woman's Board of Missions (Boston).

Assigned to Talas, a village community near Kayseri (Caesarea), she started teaching in the girls' school which her mother had helped to organize. She taught for many years in the Talas boys' school also. In addition to her teaching she often assisted at the understaffed Talas hospital and found time for much calling in the homes. Later, when a teacher training course was introduced, Miss Dwight helped with the program and with the supervision of the teachers. In the 1930's she took charge of housekeeping arrangements at the hostel for the trade school then in operation.

Unable to return to Turkey during World War I, she took a position with the State Charities Aid in New York City (1916-19), where the experience she gained in the placing of children in homes proved of value to her in her service under the Near East Relief. Following six months of travel in Turkey, the Caucasus, Syria and Lebanon, to study the situation and the needs, Miss Dwight divided her time between the field and the United States, helping families here to contact surviving relatives in Turkey and Syria, placing orphaned boys and girls in positions, and finding homes for them.

For one year Miss Dwight was assigned to Tarsus as matron at the boys' school, then to Kayseri where she utilized the kindergarten building as a social center for gatherings, for Sunday School classes, and for the distribution of relief. Here she also taught English at the Turkish high school for boys. In Mardin for her final years, Miss Dwight supervised the Reading Room, maintained friendly contacts with Moslem and Christian women alike, called in the homes, and taught English to eager government officials.

Through the classroom, her home visitations, and through her relief and social service activities, Miss Dwight befriended hundreds of people, and in trying situations met their crucial needs. In turn, she was loved and respected by them beyond measure.

SPECIAL FRIENDS

MRS. JOHN H. POORMAN, the former Mary Bowler Vautier Sturgis, and a resident of Narberth, Pennsylvania, for over fifty years, died at her home in Narberth on April 23, 1966 at the age of 80.

Upon her retirement in 1962, Mary Sturgis Poorman had dedicated forty-two years of her life to the service of the Church. For fifteen years she was secretary in the offices of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church and its department of Missionary Education, and for twenty-seven years an accountant for this Board and the Board of International Missions of the E & R Church in Philadelphia.

SPECIAL FRIENDS (Cont'd)

A descendant of the early Swedish, English and Huguenot settlers of Philadelphia and Lower Merion Township, she attended Bryn Mawr College. Her husband, a retired churchman, was a former executive of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church and of the Board of International Missions. Three children were born to them, a son and two daughters.

THE REV. GEORGE EMERSON CARY of Haverhill, Massachusetts, pastor emeritus of the First Church of Christ in Bradford (Mass.), dean of the Protestant clergy in Haverhill, and an honorary member of the United Church Board for World Ministries, died on June 6, 1966 at the Hale Hospital in Haverhill.

Son of the late Rev. Dr. Otis and Ellen (Emerson) Cary, lifelong missionaries of the Board in Japan, George Cary was born in Okayama on June 27, 1884, and lived in Japan until the age of fourteen. His brother, the Rev. Dr. Frank Cary, now minister of the Congregational Church in Plainfield, and his sister, Miss Alice E. Cary of Plainfield, served in Japan for 44 and 30 years respectively. Miss Cary was also on the executive staff of the American Board in Boston for thirteen years as Pacific Area Secretary. A nephew, Otis Cary, is now on the faculty of Doshisha University in Kyoto, while a niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick D. Shepard, are members of the Near East Mission with service at Aleppo College (Syria) and in Turkey.

This foreign-mission-motivated family was very ably represented at the home end of the Church by George Cary in the ministry, and by Dr. Walter Cary in the field of medicine. Their homes were a haven for nephews and nieces, especially during their years of study in the United States.

In 1952 Mr. Cary and his gracious wife, Ethel Grant Cary, concluded thirty-three years of service at the historic First Church of Christ in Bradford, but he continued his activities in the church organizations and associations. A man of wide interests, he held numerous offices in support of these interests. Some of these were as vice-president and secretary of the Federation of Churches, Haverhill, chairman of the Haverhill Open Forum, and chairman of the Trustees of the Massachusetts Congregational Conference and Missionary Society. He held trusteeships on the boards of International College, Beirut, Bradford Junior College, and of the Haverhill Public Library. His earlier services to the UCBWM were as a member of the Prudential Committee, as a corporate member, and as recording secretary.

Mr. Cary received warm,appreciative recognition from the Haverhill B'nai B'rith, from the trustees of the Haverhill Public Library and of Bradford Junior College. A part of the resolution adopted by the trustees of Bradford Junior College in 1961 summarizes for all of us the heart and spirit of this faithful minister of the Church of Christ. ". . . Forty-two years you have dwelt here, serving compassionately and without stint your parish, this community, its institutions, and your fellow citizens. Steadfast in faith, noble in spirit, dedicated in service, inexhaustible in strength, you have ever been true friend to all . . ."